

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an Office Action dated May 22, 2007, claims 1-8, 11-15, 17-22, 26-31, 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,464,426 (Closkey). Claims 16 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentably over U.S. Patent 4,464,425 (Closkey). Claims 9, 10 and 22-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentably over U.S. Patent No. 6,464,425 (Closkey).

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the interview on September 26, 2007. The claims were discussed and are herein amended to identify the environment in which the vent structure operates (i.e. a housing for enclosing equipment or chemicals). Support for the amendment is found at page 3 of the specification, at lines 34-37.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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